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## National Public Lands Day September 29, 2007 Volunteers Needed to Help at Virtue Flat this Weekend

**BAKER CITY, OREGON-**On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> the Bureau of Land Management would like to invite the public to participate in a National Public Lands Day event at Virtue Flat Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area. National Public Lands Day is an annual event for individuals, families and groups of all ages to volunteer to help care for America's public lands.

Several work projects are planned and teams will be formed to help build fence and maintain trails. "One of the highlights of this event is the participation of volunteers," Nancy Lull Baker City Field Manager, said. "The quality and amount of work that gets done by volunteers on this day is remarkable. Volunteers can and do make a difference on our public lands."

Volunteers will gather at the Virtue Flat OHV area at 9:30 a.m., (follow signs from Highway 86 just opposite the entrance to the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. Tools, safety equipment and materials for the projects will be furnished by the BLM. Snacks and water are also being provided

For further information about this planned event contact Kevin McCoy at the BLM Baker Field Office in Baker City at 541-523-1295 or visit the Vale District website at <a href="https://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale">www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale</a>.

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